



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

March 13 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

March 28 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

MARCH 6, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SAGES

MARCH 9, 6:00 PM, FAITH UMC

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

MARCH 19, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MTG

MARCH 29, 7:00 PM, 3316 FAITH CHURCH RD
(AT LUCAS LANDSCAPING)

LAKE PARK PLUS INVESTMENT CLUB (MEMBER, NAIC)

MARCH 28, 7:00 PM, 3825 FAITH CHURCH RD.

LAKE PARK SINGLES GROUP (FOR SINGLES OVER 45)

APRIL 5, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

APRIL 16, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

Getting to Know Lake Park

Highlighting the Village Parking Ordinance

One very common question that the Village Council hears concerns the village ordinances. Many residents have asked what ordinances are in effect and what rules and regulations those documents legislate. To assist in that Council member Sarah Barbour has developed a booklet of all current Lake Park ordinances currently in force. Free copies are available at the Village Office in the Community Center. Internet users can find, view, and print the same documents on the village web site, www.lakeparknc.gov.

This month, the *Lake Park Villager* will highlight the Village Parking Ordinance. This document begins by describing the areas where parking is prohibited. It specifically states 16 places that no vehicle shall be parked including: on a sidewalk, in the space between the sidewalk and the street, within 30 feet of an intersection, within the circular portion of any cul-de-sac, or in any common area or park within the village. The ordinance prohibits parking where the principal purpose is displaying it for sale or working on the vehicle. It also states that no commercial vehicle or recreation-type vehicle shall be parked on any street for more than one hour.

Did You Know?

Vehicles cannot park directly across from another unless it will leave 16 feet of open road between them to allow emergency vehicles to pass between them.

This ordinance also addresses one item that has been a problem on several streets recently, including Mayhurst and Ginger Lane. No vehicle shall park in a

Village Ordinances Online

The Council's website, www.lakeparknc.gov, has a scanned copy of all Village ordinances available for you to view. To see the documents, click on "Reference Desk" on the navigation bar on the left side of any page. This will open a screen that will point to pages containing documents that range from financial documents to copies of the *Villager*. One link on that page is titled "Village Ordinances". This page will list all the ordinances currently in effect specifically for Lake Park. Each document will show the signature page to show exactly when each became enforceable.

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Growing in Lake Park

Economic Development News

Coming Soon: Lucas Landscaping is renovating and enlarging the retail **Garden Center** at 3316 Faith Church Road to re-open in May. Though the center closed in 2004, growing traffic on Faith Church Road brings a new growth opportunity: Doug Lucas reported at the February EDC meeting, "Putting a 'help wanted' sign outside the Garden Center now brings in more applicants than notices in print media have ever produced in the past." Lucas Landscaping was one of the first businesses to locate in Lake Park and is responsible for installation and maintenance of most of Lake Park's unique parks, shrubs and trees. Their dedication to a strong work ethic has repeatedly won multi-year lawn and landscape contracts with the Lake Park Townhome Association, the HOA and the Village.

A New Banner was installed outside The Family Hairloom in February to announce the tanning room and professional massage services. Phone numbers for making appointments are also on the banner.

Fireside Coffee has added a breakfast menu and opens at 8 am Monday – Friday.

Lake Park Christian Academy Development Director Shari Tuz is coordinating the 2007 capital campaign for building projects that include a gymnasium, kitchen and needed learning spaces.

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way that will obstruct traffic. Specifically, no car shall park directly across the street from another unless there will be 16 feet of roadway open between the two vehicles. Not complying with this portion of the ordinance will hamper the ability of emergency vehicles to reach some homes.

The maximum penalty for each violation of the parking ordinance is a \$50 fine. Furthermore, any authorized law enforcement agency can tow and impound any illegally parked vehicle that creates a traffic hazard or blocks the movement of emergency vehicles.

The original ordinance was signed into law November 14, 2000. Village Council passed the most recent amendment which updated the document on August 10, 2004

January Security Report

From Lake Park Deputies Miles and Tomberlin

2007 started out with a very light call volume for the Village of Lake Park. The Sheriff's department fielded only 49 calls, down 9 from December and 10 from November. The majority of the calls (16 in all) were for traffic enforcement vehicle stops. Nine calls were for general disturbances. False alarms continue to be a problem; the Sheriff's department had to respond to 9 false alarms. Deputies Miles and Tomberlin remind all residents and businesses to check and fix alarm systems to prevent these costly calls that divert officer attention from more constructive duty.

During the February council meeting, Mayor Ross mentioned that he is sending a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The letter will urge the state to do something quickly about the intersection of Unionville-Indian Trail Rd and Faith Church Rd. After the newly constructed section of Faith Church Rd. opened, drivers have had to contend with very limited sight-distances at this intersection.

Protecting Your Tax Dollars

Due to the diligence of the finance officer for the village, Cheryl Bennett, the village earned over \$30,000 in 2006 interest income. Mrs. Bennett's careful study of banking alternatives for the Village accounts allowed Council to maximize the interest that tax dollars earn for necessary Village reserves.